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## ***Contents and abstract of central ideas.***

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Once man enters in the garden of delight, he has to deliver from ignorance those who had not yet obtained their inheritance and inward beatitude. 3

He, who sets himself in opposition to the Immutable Law of Harmony (perfect equilibrium), gets ensnared into a small but rival universe, before being crushed out of existence by brute force, when least expected. 3

The ancients divided senses into five simply because their teachers stopped at the hearing. Man's auditory faculty, inner and spiritual in the ethereal First Root-Race, became dwarfed to outer and physical at the beginning of the Fifth. 4

Karma would not be quite so bewildering a subject if the sceptics would bear in mind that the interests of man and his welfare have to be searched for in the higher regions of heaven, not on earth. 4

#### **Nature has an antidote for every poison, and a reward for every suffering.**

But the Laws bestowed to Her by Intelligent Forces, cannot be violated by the profane with impunity. 4

The struggle between matter and spirit (the two opposing forces in the world of being) eternally reacting upon each other, is the divine guarantor of Harmony and Justice. 4

Among the materialists, gravity is the king of the all-potent imponderables. But among the students of the Sacred Science, gravity in one of the attributes of differentiation manifested as the law of attraction and repulsion between various states of matter. 5

Today's world is passing through the valley of the Shadow of Death and endures calamities far worse than any it has seen before. Still, great changes are simmering, both in the temporal and in the spiritual life of humanity, and these changes presage the dawn of better days and nobler ideas. 5

#### **Suggested reading for students.**

From our Down to Earth Series. 6



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**Once man enters in the garden of delight, he has to deliver from ignorance those who had not yet obtained their inheritance and inward beatitude.**

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[ J.H. Beatty writes a letter to the Editors in criticism of Dr. Archibald Keightley's article on "A Law of Life: Karma."<sup>1</sup> Several of the points raised in this letter are answered by Dr. Keightley. A number of unsigned footnotes, presumably by H.P. Blavatsky, are appended to the text. < Her annotations are here highlighted in RGB 253-255-194 >. — *Boris de Zirkoff*. ]

[ J.H. Beatty writes: "Does a man, by merely denying the existence of a law of Nature or the universe, transgress that law? I think not." ]

**He, who sets himself in opposition to the Immutable Law of Harmony (perfect equilibrium), gets ensnared into a small but rival universe, before being crushed out of existence by brute force, when least expected.**

Mr. Keightley's meaning (and it is difficult for the words to bear any other interpretation) was that the denial of harmony is evidence that, at some previous time, the man who denies has set himself in opposition to the law, in virtue of those very desires and instincts of his animal personality to which Mr. Beatty alludes later on. In this sense, Mr. Beatty is right in saying that a law of the universe cannot be broken; but its limits may be transgressed, and consequently an attempt made by man to make himself into a small, but rival universe. It is the old story of the china pot and the iron kettle, and the fact that china gets the worst of it is conclusive that the china is struggling *against* Nature.

[ “. . . who is going to contend that the law of gravitation has ever been ‘broken,’ has ever ceased to act. . . .” ]

Will Mr. Beatty explain the phenomenon of a comet flirting its tail round the sun in defiance of the “*law* of gravitation”?

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<sup>1</sup> *Lucifer*, Vol. I, September & October 1887

[ On the subject of human “senses,” Madame Blavatsky says: ]

**The ancients divided senses into five simply because their teachers stopped at the hearing. Man’s auditory faculty, inner and spiritual in the ethereal First Root-Race, became dwarfed to outer and physical at the beginning of the Fifth.<sup>1</sup>**

Mankind is only very gradually developing its fifth sense on the intellectual plane.

[ “Truly this Karma is a bewildering subject!” ]

**Karma would not be quite so bewildering a subject if the sceptics would bear in mind that the interests of man and his welfare have to be searched for in the higher regions of heaven, not on earth.**

“This Karma,” as Mr. Beatty expresses it, would not be quite so bewildering a subject if critics would bear in mind the context and not fall foul of a detached expression — not even a sentence. The “interest of the soul’s welfare in heaven” is concentrated by John Smith on John Smith as John Smith in heaven, and in order that the said John Smith may go on enjoying the things he loved on earth. As his earth life has ended, John Smith has changed and is “transient.” If he were not transient a very natural inference would follow, that progress, evolution, &c., on whatever plane of being, does not prevail.

[ Dr. Keightley says: “A man may certainly injure himself. . . .” ]

**Nature has an antidote for every poison, and a reward for every suffering.**

**But the Laws bestowed to Her by Intelligent Forces, cannot be violated by the profane with impunity.**

No law of Nature can be set aside, but a man *transgresses* a law of his [mental] being when he deliberately [312] places himself under the sway of certain “evil” forces.<sup>2</sup>

[ Dr. Keightley writes: “Harmony is essentially the law of the Universe. The contrasted aspects of Nature . . . can have no reality except in the experience of conscious Egos.” ]

**The struggle between matter and spirit (the two opposing forces in the world of being) eternally reacting upon each other, is the divine guarantor of Harmony and Justice.**

The *phenomenal* contrast is not denied, but it is representative of no fundamental want of harmony. In the same way the contrast of Subject and Object is essential to our present finite consciousness, although it has no basis of reality beyond the limits of conditional being. Moreover, even in this phenomenal Universe, equilibrium (harmony) is most certainly maintained by the very conflict of the contrasted forces alluded to.

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<sup>1</sup> [Consult “Sixth Sense is Reason over Instinct,” in our Constitution of Man Series. — ED. PHIL.]

<sup>2</sup> [The word “mental” in square brackets, is Madame Blavatsky’s. — *Boris de Zirkoff*.]

[ “The Universe must, at bottom, be a Harmony. Why? . . . ” ]

**Among the materialists, gravity is the king of the all-potent imponderables. But among the students of the Sacred Science, gravity in one of the attributes of differentiation manifested as the law of attraction and repulsion between various states of matter.<sup>1</sup>**

Mr. Beatty asks how the Universe would come to a stand-still, if the law of Harmony was suspended. Now suppose, for instance, the law of “gravity” was not *counterbalanced* by the action of other “forces,” what would happen? Science assures us that everything would have long before gravitated to a common centre, and a universal dead-lock have ensued! *Vice versa*, if “gravity” were to lapse. *Verb. Sap.*<sup>2</sup>



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From *Lucifer*, Vol. I (4), December 1887, p. 336.

*L’Aurore* for October contains an article on the so-called “Star of Bethlehem,” which repeats the assurance that the world is entering on a new and happier life-phase.

Unfortunately, it seems more than probable that before this amelioration takes place, the world must pass through the valley of the shadow of Death, and endure calamities far worse than any it has yet seen. Lady Caithness<sup>4</sup> continues her erudite and interesting article on the lost ten tribes of Israel. Her thesis is put forward in admirable language, and supported by a great wealth of biblical quotations. Unfortunately, the task undertaken is an impossible one. There never were twelve tribes of Israel [313] — two only — Judah and the Levites, having had a real existence in the flesh. The remainder are but euhemerizations of the signs of the Zodiac, and were introduced because they were necessary to the kabbalistic scheme on which the “History” of the Jews was written.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup> [Consult “Gravitation is the Law of Attraction and Repulsion,” in our Planetary Round and Globes Series. — ED. PHIL.]

<sup>2</sup> [Abbreviations of the Latin *verbum sapienti sat est*, i.e., a word to the wise is enough.]

<sup>3</sup> [Consult “Exuberant speculations on cloud formations,” in our Down to Earth Series.— ED. PHIL.]

<sup>4</sup> [Consult “De Zirkoff on the Countess of Caithness,” in our Theosophy and Theosophists Series. — ED. PHIL.]

<sup>5</sup> [Consult “The Original Sin is a Jewish Invention,” in our Black versus White Magic Series. — ED. PHIL.]



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